

## **U.S. Embassy Small Grants Program 2009**

Media and Cultural Section  
Embassy of the United States of America, Bangkok  
**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The Small Grants Program of the U.S. Embassy is accepting applications for grants from Thai non-governmental organization (NGOs), Voluntary Private Organizations (VPOs), and other non-profit organizations. This year, there are two grant programs available: ***“Small Grants Program for Outreach to Civil Society”*** and ***“Small Grants Program for Thailand's South.”***

The purpose of the **Small Grants Program for Outreach to Civil Society** is to award small grants for ***no more than US\$20,000*** for specific projects that support the development of democratic institutions in Thailand. Proposals must support projects whose purpose is to further the development of democratic institutions in Thailand. To be eligible for consideration, every applicant must be engaged in, or propose to carry out, a project whose purpose is to support:

- Development of civil society
- Free flow of information and an independent media
- Transparency in government
- NGO capacity building
- Rule of law and legal reform
- Conflict resolution
- Human rights
- Civic education
- Ethnic, minority and women's rights

The purpose of the **Small Grants Program for Thailand's South** is to award small grants for ***no more than US\$10,000*** for specific projects that support consensus building, conflict mitigation, and/or peaceful conflict resolution in the four southernmost provinces of Thailand (Narathiwat, Yala, Pattani, and Songkhla), particularly by developing civil society. Preference will be given to proposals from organizations that are physically resident in one or more of the four southern provinces. To be eligible for consideration, every applicant must be engaged in, or propose to carry out, a project whose purpose is to support:

- Development of civil society, including civic education and engagement, and youth leadership.
- Enhancing economic opportunity for vulnerable groups, especially youth
- Mitigation of the impact of the conflict in Thailand's South
- Conflict resolution

Neither program will fund the following:

- non-Thai organizations and individuals
- projects relating to partisan political activity,
- projects benefiting organizations that are party to or materially supportive of the insurgency in Thailand's South,
- duplication of existing projects.

The fund may *NOT* be used to support general operating expenses, infrastructure costs, or food as primary costs. Proposals will be evaluated according to the topic of the project, clearly formulated goals and target groups, and the ability of the applying individuals and organizations to implement the project.

Organizations or individuals may submit one or more proposals for either or both programs. Proposals that meet the requirements of both programs can be submitted to either program.

**The deadline for submitting proposals is May 17, 2009.** We strongly encourage applicants to submit proposals early to allow for adjustments as needed. Please submit the application by e-mail to: [bangkokpd@state.gov](mailto:bangkokpd@state.gov), with the words "Proposal for Outreach to Civil Society" or "Proposal for Thailand's South" in the subject line.

An application form is attached and can also be found on the Embassy's website at <http://bangkok.usembassy.gov>. Proposal applications **MUST** be completed in English, but may include a project description in Thai. For more information, please contact the Cultural Affairs Office at tel. 0-2205-4623, 0-2205-4625, or e-mail [bangkokpd@state.gov](mailto:bangkokpd@state.gov).